

POLICE WORKING ON NEW ANGLE

Sensational Developments Expected in Cooper Murder Mystery.

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According to the theory of Officer Ferris, the murder of Cooper may be either in Nashville or well on his way to parts unknown. He believes, however, that two or more persons are still in the city who know why Robin Cooper was murdered, and knew, perhaps, the perpetrators of the horrible crime.

Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 3.—Important developments in the murder mystery of Robin J. Cooper were expected today this morning with the summoning of prominent business men into the office of Alex. Barthel, chief of police.

"We have information that government officers are investigating a big corporation in which Cooper had holdings, and it is known that Nashville stockholders believed they had been duped in the purchase of this stock," said Barthel.

It is surmised from various facts gathered together by the police that Cooper "knew too much" and was the victim of a premeditated murder. An arrest of prominent persons may be expected within a short time.

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THREATENED TO EXPOSE.
Emergency Police Officer J. D. Ferris has secured evidence, it is stated, that Mr. Cooper on one occasion threatened to expose something concerning his alleged dealings with a concern selling some stocks which he is believed by Ferris to have bought and subsequently discovered to be worthless. The fact that an argument took place between Mr. Cooper and three men in a prominent office building here Thursday morning, the day of the tragedy, is a bit of circumstantial evidence in the new development. The chief of detectives, after questioning one witness at 10:30, declared the police were on the right track.

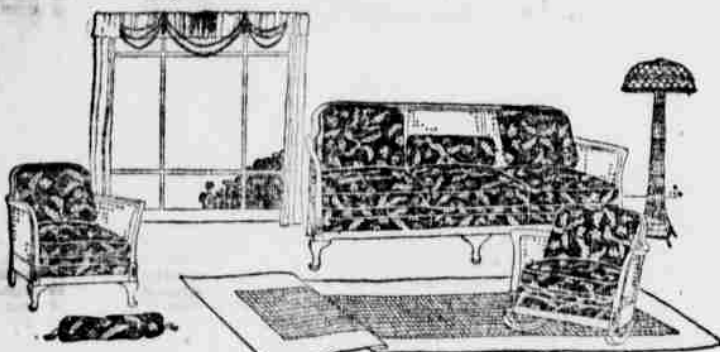
CHARLES DAVIS CAPTURED.
Albany, Ga., Sept. 3.—Charles Davis, a negro, charged with the murder of Sheriff J. L. Forehand, of Liberty county, Florida, on Friday, was captured near Quincy, and is being held in the Gasden county jail. A mob from Liberty county gathered in Quincy and demanded the surrender of Davis, but Sheriff Gregory refused. Circuit Judge Low, promised to call a special term of court next week to try Davis, and the mob dispersed.

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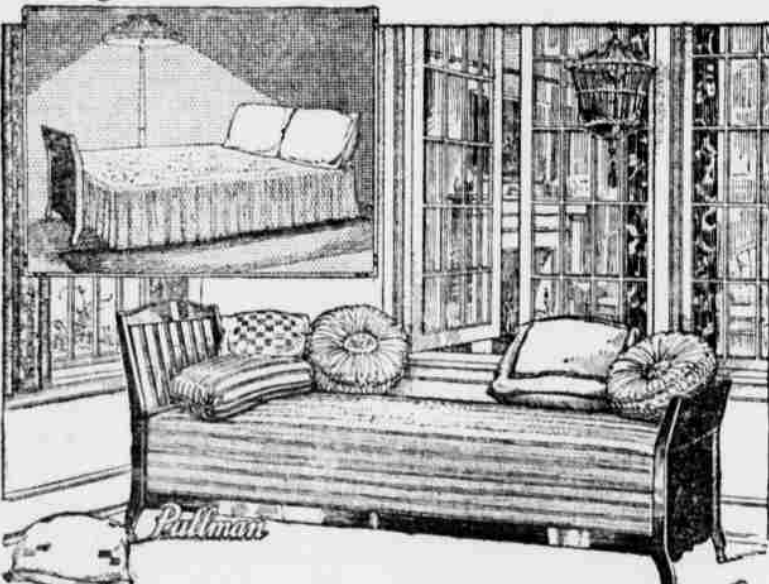


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Breach Wider Between Socialist Elements

Two Wings Composed of Radicals—Arrests Cause Commotion.

Chicago, Sept. 3.—The breach between the conservative and radical elements of the national socialist party in session here was said to be wider today than at any time since the "left wing" and the "right wing" factions departed from the present organization to form organizations of their own. The two "wings" are composed of the radical elements.

The "left wing" faction is composed almost wholly of the foreign language radical socialists and their leaders stated today that there was likelihood of their uniting with the "right wing" element. The latter has organized into the communist party, following a heated discussion over the name that should be bestowed upon the new body. The instance of H. Ticker, of St. Louis, finally prevailed in the selection of a name. "There are thirty-seven varieties of socialism, and perhaps more than that," he said, "but there is only one kind of a bolshevik and the world is having a hard time to stomach that. Communism knows no race, nation, breed or creed. We've got to get the word 'communism' in the name some place."

The meeting of communists was thrown into a commotion when arrests were made of Dennis E. Batt, reputed to be an organizer for the L. W. W., and took him from the hall. They had been searching for him for a week on a charge of making a seditious speech. The offense, it was stated, came under a new state law known as "house bill No. 206," operative since June 1, which is worded to take the place of the espionage act.

100,000 GERMANS DESERT

Switzerland Leads Neutral Nations With 40,000 Deserters.
Geneva, Sept. 3.—Nearly 100,000 officers and men are considered deserters from the German army during the war, according to a dispatch received in this number are many thousands who were in America and England at the outbreak of the war and were prevented from joining the German army.

"although advised beforehand to join the colors," the dispatch says. Switzerland leads the neutral countries with 40,000 deserters. A proclamation of amnesty to these men has been issued by the Swiss government. Many soldiers in this country refuse to do so and commanders of the Twenty-seventh division are reported to not apply to those accused of treason.

Wilson Has Nearly Three Million Left of War Fund

House Appropriations Committee So Informed by President.

Washington, Sept. 3.—Of the fifty-million-dollar war fund granted by President Wilson last year by congress for his discretionary use, \$2,899,429.23 remained on last Aug. 31, the house appropriations committee was informed yesterday in a report from the president.

Proceeding on the receipt of the statement from the White House the committee had recommended the adoption of a resolution calling for itemized statement of expenditures made from both the \$50,000,000 fund and the \$100,000,000 appropriation given the president at the outbreak of the war. Later, however, when Chairman Good, of the appropriations committee, called attention of the house to the report, he said that a final accounting was expected later regarding the \$100,000,000 fund.

More than a score of governmental departments and agencies received money from the \$50,000,000 fund, the gross allotments aggregating more than \$7,000,000, of which \$1,000,000 was disbursed. Many of the important expenditures have been made known in the annual report of the department of the state department, it receiving \$12,233,245, of which \$4,000,000 was for the trans-Atlantic and Chinese Eastern railways.

Some delights on peace conference expenses are contained among the military allotments. Under the date of Feb. 14, last, Bernard M. Baruch was listed for \$150,000 "to the peace conference." The department on last Dec. 18, \$500,000 "for American commission to negotiate peace," and four days later the department received \$250,000 "preparation for the conference," and on Dec. 30 it received \$300,000 for "political conference" at the conference.

Brig.-Gen. Churchill, of the military intelligence bureau, and his party to the conference were listed for an allotment of \$20,000. Another allotment for the conference was dated last Feb. 15, and was for \$50,000 for "expenses peace commission."

The treasury department received \$10,813,327, including \$3,238,000, for the war risk insurance stream, but the department repaid \$1,487,675 of the same. Net allotments of more than \$1,000,000 were made to the following: Alien property custodian, \$1,071,451; committee on public information, \$3,000,000; grain corporation, \$5,000,000; sugar equalization board, \$5,000,000; war trade board, \$1,150,000; shipping board, \$2,500,000. The war trade board, which received \$5,000,000 for its trade bureau for reported economic conditions in Russia, was listed as having returned \$1,000,000.

Five million dollars given to the state department was for supplies for the Indian population of the Archangel district, Russia, and a similar amount was given the treasury and intelligence departments to aid American farmers in drought-stricken regions.

Two items of entertainment incurred for foreign guests at the White House, the statement, there being \$13,000 allotted for such purposes for Sir Eric Geddes and his party, and \$10,000 for Prince Axel of Denmark and his party. For the repatriation of Gen. Hallor's Polish troops an allotment of \$50,000 was made. The statement also listed Col. Riggs' mission to Russia, and \$20,000 for Capt. Gherardi's mission to Germany.

URGES REFORM IN ARMY

Minneapolis Lawyer Draws Arguments From Experience.
Washington, Sept. 3.—Reform in army court-martial procedure was urged before the senate military committee yesterday by William Bissell Thomas, a Minneapolis lawyer, who served two years in the American expeditionary forces. The committee is considering the Chamberlain bill for revision of the military justice system. Secretary Baker advised the committee today that he would like to testify after members of the Korman board, which investigated criticism of the court-martial system, had been heard. Many cases of alleged excessive and harsh court-martial sentences for trivial offenses among the American forces abroad were detailed by Mr. Thomas, who said he was court-martialed and sentenced to a prison camp in France for four months on a charge of being absent without leave due to having been sick in a hospital. The charge against him, he said, resulted from a desire to "railroad him to prison camp because of his activities in connection with the defense of soldiers in court-martial proceedings."

The witness also told of having seen Paul Smith, of Bisbee, Ariz., whose leg was shattered at Chateau-Thierry, arrested while still confined in the hospital because he was physically unable to make up his own bed. Smith was sent to a prison camp and required to work among Austrian prisoners until guards took pity on him and returned him to the hospital.

Most enlisted men against whom charges were made were confined about forty days in the guardhouse before being brought to trial. In no case, he said, were men confined less than twenty days while awaiting trial.

SAYS COMMITTEE WOULD KILL TREATY ENTIRELY

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other nations formed as a result of the war.

What a change since last year. "Now what a change. The treaty has been negotiated, Germany has signed it, Germany has ratified it. Great Britain and Belgium have done the same. France, Italy and Japan will do so in rapid succession. The treaty declares the terms to Germany just as the senators demanded it should. "But now the same senators who insisted on a dictated peace propose to abandon it and negotiate a peace settlement on terms acceptable to Germany. It is suggested that we desert our associates and negotiate a separate treaty. It is proposed that we adopt a policy of quiet and seclusion. It is proposed that we repudiate our obligations and like cravens leave them to be performed by the nations lately associated with us.

Was there ever a more insane international policy proposed? In the mixture of poltroonery and folly it is difficult to see which predominates. The senator from Pennsylvania goes the limit. He not only proposes that we desert our friends and abandon our obligations, but he suggests the release of Germany from all promises of indemnities and reparations. Why not so further and propose that we compensate Germany? That would be a still stronger appeal to German sentiment.

Mountains Out of Mole Hills.
"He says in so many words, slaughter the treaty, desert our friends, abandon our obligations and yield to Germany. I have full faith that when this treaty is finally released from storage it will in the senate receive different treatment. Here, unquestionably, there is an overwhelming majority who desire to finish the war, undertake when we entered the war. Here will be found a safe majority for a peace settlement.

Says Men Enlist in Army Upon Failure in Civil Life

Maj.-Gen. O'Ryan Opposes Bill Providing Large Standing Forces.

Washington, Sept. 3.—Characterizing a regular or professional army as "an absolute institution in which men enlist after they have failed in civil life and turn to it as an asylum," Maj.-Gen. John F. O'Ryan, of the Twenty-seventh division, proposed before the senate subcommittee on military affairs the creation of a citizen army of a million and a half men. He was giving his views on the administration of the army bill.

"I am opposed to any bill which will perpetuate a large standing army," Gen. O'Ryan said. He added he regarded as unnecessary a professional army except for duty on the border and a few more purposes. As for garrisoning the Philippines and other insulars, he declared it was not only unnecessary but unwise since that was guard work essential to the navy.

Discussing the character of the personnel of enlisted professional army, he declared that "such an army was incapable of efficiency."

Gen. O'Ryan's plan for a citizen army provides for three months' training, with only weekly drill for three years of 500,000 men, and three years' service in the reserve. He said he would utilize all the officers in the national guard and national army divisions that existed during the war, and as many of the men as would re-enlist with the understanding that they would belong to their old organizations, and these organizations would be perpetuated "with all their traditions." While the army he proposed, he said, would be national in character, its units would belong in a sense to the different states to foster "locality pride."

LANSING IN ADDRESS

Secretary of State Speaks at New Era Conference.

Lake Geneva, Wis., Sept. 3.—To bring men back to the spiritual standard, to make Christ's principles an impelling force in the reconstruction of society and to teach men to think true and live true, is the mighty task to which the church is called," said Secretary of State Robert Lansing, in an address yesterday to the New Era conference of the Presbyterian church held here to lay out a five-year program covering new problems and conditions in which the world finds itself after the war.

"This is a time of remodeling and reconstructing," he said. "Out of the ruins of the old world order shattered by the war there must be erected a new structure based upon sounder principles. New ideas must be conceived of society's obligations to the individual have been released, and there is manifested a radicalism in their advocacy which threatens the disruption of the present social order."

APPROVES BOND ISSUE

Wells County, Indiana, Prepares to Sell Indianapolis, Sept. 3.—The following bond issues have been approved by the state board of public commissioners:

Wells county, Chester township, W. Va. \$25,000; Marion time warrants, \$14,000.

OPPOSES BIG ARMY

Gen. O'Ryan Favors a Citizens' Army With Universal Training.
Washington, Sept. 3.—Strongly opposing the war department's bill for the reorganization of the army with a standing army of 500,000 men, Maj.-Gen. O'Ryan, New York national guard officer and commander of the Twenty-seventh division during the war, yesterday afternoon urged before the senate military affairs committee a "citizens' army" of from 100,000 to 120,000, with a system of universal military training to make available always for service 3,000,000 men.

GOVERNOR APPOINTS SON

Sidney J. Catts, Jr., Made Adjutant-General of Florida.
Tampa, Fla., Sept. 3.—Gov. Sidney J. Catts yesterday appointed Sidney J. Catts, Jr., as adjutant-general of Florida, succeeding Maj. James McCants, who resigned Friday, charging the governor with interference with the adjutant-general's office.

NO LOAN MADE ESTHONIA

However, American Bankers May Arrange Loan of \$500,000 to Estonia.
Washington, Sept. 3.—Officials of the state and treasury department say the American government had not granted a loan of \$500,000 to Estonia. They assumed that if any loan was being arranged it would be advanced by American bankers.

CRITICISES TOUR PLAN

Washington, Sept. 3.—Criticism of President Wilson's plan "to tour the country for political reasons while chaos and confusion exist in the industrial world," Representative Rodenburg, republican, Illinois, told the house yesterday that present conditions were more critical than they were last month when the president "made an adroit move to shift responsibility for this unrest to congress."

Gotham Managers Prepare To Open Five Theaters

Looks Like Actors' Strike in New York Is About to End.

New York, Sept. 3.—The Producing Managers' association was making feverish preparations today to open five of the twenty-six New York theaters closed by the drama strike before the end of the week.

This action followed a conference last night between legal representatives of the managers, labor leaders and a committee of strikers, and it gave rise to persistent rumors on the Rialto that the theatrical war was about to be ended in a manner satisfactory to both sides.

The sun will again shine for the actors within the next forty-eight hours, George Cohan told at a meeting of the Actors' Fidelity league.

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